# **ELLIS SEES ONLY DURING THE YEAR**

New President of the Chamber of Commerce Assumes His Duties and Plunges Into

Robert R. Ellis Monday evening yielded to the manimous demand of the directors of the Chamber of Commerce and agreed to accept the presidency for the ensuing year. Mr. Ellis is president of the Hessis-Ellis brug Co. and for a number of vears has been identified with movements for the civic and moral development of the city.

Mr. Ellis name has been mentioned a number of times recently by officials and members of the club in their above by the secure a worthy successor to W. H. Fitzliugh, the retiring president. In fact this is not the first time the presidency has been offered to him but it is the first time that Mr. Ellis has felt that he could afford to make the sacrifice. He said Tuesday that the Chamber of Commerce has reached that point of influence and consequence in the community where the tender of any position in its gift could not be decilined by any good citizen with the wellare of the city at heart.

One of the city in the city administration. He had an important if not the leading part in crystallizing public sentiment for a nonpartisan administration and for months prior to the election worked with that aim in view.

Mr. Ellis is also chairman of the auditorium committee. For a number of years he has worked without ceasing fer the orestion of an adequate auditorium and that endeavor appears to be on the verge of realization.

A number of years ago he was chairman of the committee of 40 thas worked four months to secure a fund of \$50,000 with which to advertible the city. "A work," he said Tuesday, "that can now be accomplished in a day."

#### Prominent Banker.

fin addition to being the head of one of the largest wholesale drug concerns in the United States. Mr. Ellis has had a prominent part in the financial affairs of the city. He was a director in the old fulted States Trust Co., and the State Bank and Trust Co., and the State Bank and Trust Co., and a member of the loans and discount committee that effected the consolidation of those institutions with the Concest Bank and Trust Co., out of which came the Central-State National bank, in walen he is a director.

During the war Mr. Ellis was commissioner for the Red Cross, bureau of personnel and was cited for having had more applications for foreign service accepted than any other commissioner in the United States.

A year ago he was chairman of the citiseus' committee which had the amendment of the city charter and the imaugiration of the city manager plan of government in view. His unselfish devotion to that project is still fresh in the minds of the public.

### Hard Work Ahead.

"The presidency of the Chamber of Commerce," said Mr. Eilis Tuesday, "is a great honor but it is also a great responsibility. The institution has reached the point where it may rightfully claim, when it speaks, to be the voice of the people of Memphis. Mr. FitzHugh brought to a fruition the alms of the early founders of the organization, but a realize that it is the second mile that counts. We want the support of all the people in our efforts. No ht we are facing frucial times and patriotism may be tested. We need support of the people in our efforts make Memphis the greatest city in country stal to make others realize

Miss. He is 41 years old lie is a gra trate pharmacist. He has resided Memphis for 15 years and has had important part in civic and busine affairs during that time

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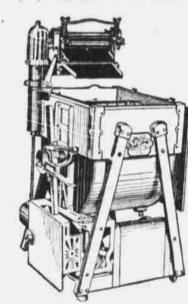
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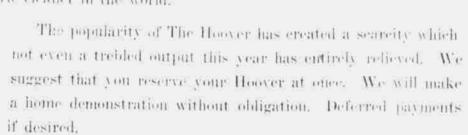
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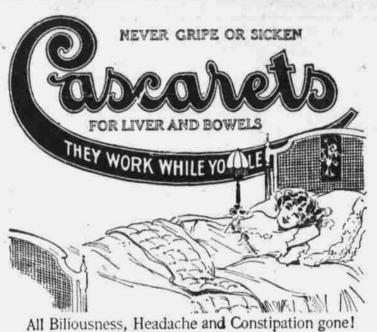
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